in the Malnad; and that is, that without auction they will permit holders of estates to open a shop for the use of the employees therein. If there are a number of small estates in the same village, the owners may join and take a shop jointly. The license will be given on favourable terms as to fee, and the owners will pay tree-tax on the bagani trees tapped on their estates and forego tree-rent thereon.

SUBJECT No. 202.

Toddy trees in Inam village.

Mr. M. K. Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—A portion of the tree-tax levied on toddy trees (at Rs. 1-1-0 on each tree) in Inam villages may justly be ordered to be given to the Inamdars.

*Reply of Government.*—This depends on whether the Inamdar is entitled to the Excise revenue from toddy. No general order can be passed.

## LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL BOARDS.

(Nos. 203—243.)

SUBJECT No. 203.

Appointment of Amildars as Members of District Boards.

Messrs. Yale Basappa, Hiriyur Taluk, Patel Linge Gowda, Mysore Taluk, Nanje Gowda, Krishnarajpete Taluk and Srikanta Rao, Devanhalli Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—Final orders may be passed on the proposal that Amildars should be appointed as members of the District Boards, which was noted for consideration last year in Subject No. 189.

*Reply of Government.*—The question of appointing Amildars as Members of District Boards was, after careful consideration, decided in the negative last year. The sense of the Assembly as represented by the Taluk Board Members present is also that the present system requires no change. But the question of allowing the Amildars to be present at the meetings will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 204.

Selection of Hospital Assistants not residents of taluk head-quarters as Members of Taluk Boards.

Mr. Lakshminaranappa, Heggadevankote Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—It is prayed that where there are more than one Hospital Assistant in a taluk, those that do not reside in the taluk head-quarters may also be elected as members of the Taluk Board either in addition to or in place of existing members.

*Reply of Government.*—Not necessary, as under the rules only five *ex-officio* members are allowed on Taluk Boards, and the Hospital Assistant at the taluk head-quarters is one of them.

SUBJECT No. 205.

Investiture of Taluk Board Members with certain powers.

Mr. Lakshminaranappa, Heggadevankote Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—The Taluk Board Members may be empowered—

(1) to enquire into and dispose of applications for the grant of licenses to build houses according to Village Sanitation Rules,

(2) to supervise sanitation and pounds and remark in the Patel's Visitors' Book,

(3) and to find contractors for works sanctioned (which sanction should be duly communicated to them) and to insist on their presence when final measurements are taken, and when payments are made to parties, and

(4) to be given a copy of the proceedings of the Taluk Board meeting.

*Reply of Government.*—(1) Not possible.

(2) & (3) Rule 39 of the rules under the Local Boards Regulation provides for this. It is a matter for each Local Board to arrange for a delegation of its powers to one or more of its members.

(4) The proceedings are always open to inspection by the members. This is sufficient.

SUBJECT No. 206.

Travelling allowances to Taluk Board members.

Mr. Linge Gowda, Patel of Nagavala, Mysore Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—The taluk authorities say that only the actual travelling expenses will be paid to Taluk Board members instead of mileage rates as in the case of District Board members. It is prayed that Taluk Board members be shown the same concession.

*Reply of Government.*—This is allowed under the existing rules and orders.

SUBJECT No. 207.

Tax in Unions to be collected along with the Revenue khists.

Mr. Hutchveere Gowda, Gubbi Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—According to the present practice, the tax in Unions is collected in June and December of every year. This is inconvenient to raiyats. The tax may therefore be collected with the Land Revenue khists.

*Reply of Government.*—The present rule needs no modification.

SUBJECT No. 208.

Fixed allotment of funds for Taluk Boards.

Mr. V. Raghavachar, Advocate, Nanjangud Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—It is prayed that fixed amounts be placed at the disposal of the Taluk Boards every year for the works to be carried out by them.

*Reply of Government.*—After the budget is sanctioned by Government, intimation is generally given to the Taluk Boards of the amount allotted for works in each taluk. The existing rules require no modification.

SUBJECT No. 209.

The appointment of an Engineer for each district to supervise District Fund and Municipal works.

Messrs. Sondekoppada Dasappa, and Subbanna, Bangalore District Board members.

*Summary of discussion.*—At present the works carried out by the District Funds are partly done by the Public Works Department and partly by the taluk authorities without mutual knowledge and co-operation of each other. If an Engineer is appointed for each district to supervise these and Municipal works, all such works will be conducted promptly and satisfactorily.

*Reply of Government.*—The system was once in force but was given up. The present system is found to work better. Work Inspectors, if qualified and capable, will suffice. Steps are being taken to appoint qualified men.

SUBJECT No. 210.

Appointment of Work Inspectors for each taluk.

Mr. Nanje Gowda, Krishnarajpete Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—As the practice at present prevails, one Work Inspector is appointed to be in charge of more than one taluk, and consequently the Local Fund Works are not properly done in any particular place and